

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the present application by deleting claims 1-30 and adding claims 31-74. Applicant submits that substantial care has been taken to avoid the introduction of any new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing amendment.

In light of the cancellation of claims 1-30, as well as the addition of claims 31-74, Applicant respectfully submits that the total number of claims in the application now equals 44, and the total number of independent claims in the application now equals 5. Accordingly, Applicant has enclosed PTO Form 2038 for the filing fee, late filing fee surcharge, and excess claims fee in the amount of \$1,504.00.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in *prima facie* condition for allowance at the present time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application and passage toward issuance thereof.

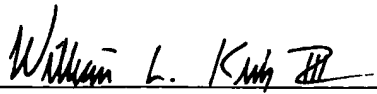
If any other charges or fees must be paid or credited in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-2131.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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